

EXHIBIT 7

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) Civil Action No. 98-CV-5591
ALBERTO R. GONZALES, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the United States,)
Defendant.)

**DEFENDANT'S OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES
TO PLAINTIFFS' INITIAL INTERROGATORIES**

Defendant, Alberto R. Gonzales, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the United States, hereby submits his objections and responses to Plaintiffs' Initial Interrogatories.

General Objections

1. Defendant objects to each Interrogatory to the extent that it seeks information which exceeds the scope of discovery as set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b).
2. Defendant objects to the Interrogatories to the extent that they could be construed as seeking information protected by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product doctrine, law enforcement privilege, deliberative process privilege, and/or any other applicable privilege, and asserts the protection(s) provided in the foregoing privileges and doctrines to the fullest extent permitted by law. Defendant does not waive any applicable privilege through the inadvertent disclosure of any otherwise privileged information in response to these Interrogatories.

3. Defendant objects to the Interrogatories to the extent that they could be construed as seeking information from a system of records protected by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, or might otherwise invade personal privacy.

4. Defendant objects to providing information that is otherwise publicly available, obtainable from other sources that are more convenient, less burdensome and/or less expensive, or has been previously made available by Defendant to Plaintiffs, or by Plaintiffs to Defendant, on the grounds that such production would be unduly burdensome and unreasonably cumulative.

5. Defendant objects to the Interrogatories on the grounds of overbreadth and undue burden, particularly in that they purport to require Defendant to respond with respect to every office within the United States Department of Justice, including all components of the Department of Justice, all United States Attorney's Offices, and all field offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and in that they do not place any reasonable temporal limitation on the scope of the response that they purport to require from Defendant.

6. Defendant objects to the Instructions set forth in the Interrogatories to the extent that they purport to require Defendant to take any action not required under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules, or the Court's Orders.

7. Defendant objects to the Interrogatories on the grounds that the manner in which they are worded, when read with their Definitions and Instructions, are so vague, broad, general, and all-inclusive that they do not permit a proper or reasonable response and are therefore unduly burdensome.

8. The foregoing objections are incorporated in each of the responses set forth below as if the same had been repeated in full and neither are limited nor waived by the recital of similar or

different objections in each of the responses, nor by the provision of information – in addition to the objections – in any of the responses.

Responses to Interrogatories

A. Identify all persons whom you expect to call at trial as expert witnesses and for each expert set forth the substance of the facts and opinions to which the expert is expected to testify, a summary of the grounds for each such option, and identify and attach hereto true copies of any and all documents reviewed or relied upon by the expert in forming his or her opinion.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is premature. Defendant will identify the persons whom he expects to call at trial as expert witnesses and provide appropriate documentation in accordance with, and at the time contemplated under, this Court's Case Management Order.

B. Identify all persons employed by the DOJ responsible for bringing prosecutions under laws proscribing or regulating the production, distribution, or possession of material considered to be obscene.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is vague in its use of the phrase "responsible for bringing prosecutions," and that it is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to list every person in every United States Attorney's Office and many offices within the Department of Justice who may have a role in bringing such prosecutions, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Subject to and without waiving any objections, Defendant responds as follows. One or more of the following individuals may have the authority to authorize the filing of a criminal indictment alleging the violation of laws regulating the production or distribution of obscene material: the Chief of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity

Section or his principal deputy; the United States Attorney for the district in which the indictment is filed; the Chief of the Criminal Division of that United States Attorney's Office; the First Assistant United States Attorney for that office; and the chief of any special unit or task force charged with prosecuting obscenity.

- C. Identify all persons employed by the DOJ responsible for bringing prosecutions under laws proscribing or regulating the production, distribution, or possession of material considered to be harmful or potentially harmful to minors but not obscene.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is vague in its use of the phrases "responsible for bringing prosecutions" and the undefined phrase "harmful or potentially harmful to minors," that it is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to list every person in every United States Attorney's Office and many offices within the Department of Justice who may have a role in bringing such prosecutions, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Subject to and without waiving any objections, Defendant responds as follows. One or more of the following individuals may have the authority to authorize the filing of a criminal indictment alleging the violation of laws regulating the production or distribution of material that is alleged to be harmful to minors: the Chief of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity section or his principal deputy; the United States Attorney for the district in which the indictment is filed; the Chief of the Criminal Division of that United States Attorney's Office; the First Assistant United States Attorney for that office; and the chief of any special unit or task force charged with prosecuting the production or distribution of material alleged to be harmful to minors.

D. Identify all persons employed by DOJ responsible for the selection of ICF Products and services used by the DOJ.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is vague in its use of the phrase "responsible for the selection," that it is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to list every person in many offices within the Department of Justice who may hold some responsibility for the selection of ICF products and services, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. In particular, Defendant objects that this Interrogatory is unduly burdensome, and seeks information beyond the scope of permissible discovery, to the extent that it seeks information regarding components of the Department of Justice other than the Justice Management Division, the component that is generally charged with implementing policy with regard to the use of ICF products in the Department of Justice. Subject to and without waiving any objections, Defendant responds as follows. The following persons employed by the Department of Justice participate in decision-making with respect to the selection of ICF products and services used by the Department of Justice: Paul R. Corts, Assistant Attorney General for Administration; R. Carrie Gilbert, Operations Service Staff, Justice Management Division; John R. Cooley, OSS/Customer Services, Justice Management Division; and Vance Hitch, Chief Information Officer, Justice Management Division.

E. Identify all ICF Products considered or tested by the DOJ for use in DOJ offices.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is vague in its use of the phrase "considered or tested," that it is overly

broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to identify any ICF product that has been considered by employees of various components of the Department of Justice, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. In particular, Defendant objects that this Interrogatory is unduly burdensome, and seeks information beyond the scope of permissible discovery, to the extent that it seeks information regarding components of the Department of Justice other than the Justice Management Division, the component that is generally charged with implementing policy with regard to the use of ICF products in the Department of Justice. Subject to and without waiving any objections, Defendant responds as follows. The following ICF products have been considered or tested by the Department of Justice for use in Department of Justice offices: Websense Enterprise v.4.3; SurfControl SuperScourt for Windows NT/2000; and Secure Computing SmartFilter 3.01.

F. Set forth the substance of any oral communications, meetings or telephone or video conferences regarding the installation of ICF Products employed by the DOJ.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is vague in its use of the phrase "regarding the installation," that it is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to interview many employees of multiple components of the Department of Justice and to seek their recollections of any potentially responsive communications and to catalog any or all such communications, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. In particular, Defendant objects that this Interrogatory is overly burdensome, and seeks information beyond the scope of

permissible discovery, to the extent that it seeks information regarding components of the Department of Justice other than the Justice Management Division, the component that is generally charged with implementing policy with regard to the use of ICF products in the Department of Justice.

G. Identify any "digital certificate" within the meaning of COPA known to you that can be used to verify age.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory seeks a legal conclusion. To the extent that Defendant is under any obligation to respond to this Interrogatory, Defendant also objects that this Interrogatory is premature, and Defendant will supplement his response as appropriate after the completion of his investigation with respect to this issue.

H. Identify any "other reasonable measures that are feasible under available technology" within the meaning of section 231(c)(1)(C) of COPA that can be used as a successful affirmative defense to prosecution under COPA under section 231(a)(1).

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory seeks a legal conclusion, and that it calls for speculation as to what a court's determination in a hypothetical lawsuit in which a "successful affirmative defense" is presented. To the extent that Defendant is under any obligation to respond to this Interrogatory, Defendant also objects that this Interrogatory is premature, and Defendant will supplement his response as appropriate after the completion of his investigation with respect to this issue.

I. Identify any AVS products known to you that can be sued to establish a successful affirmative defense with the meaning section 231(c) of COPA to prosecution under section 231(a)(1) of COPA.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory seeks a legal conclusion, and that it calls for speculation as to what a court's determination in a hypothetical lawsuit in which a "successful affirmative defense" is presented. To the extent that Defendant is under any obligation to respond to this Interrogatory, Defendant also objects that this Interrogatory is premature, and Defendant will supplement his response as appropriate after the completion of his investigation with respect to this issue.

J. Identify any meetings, phone calls, and telephone or video conferences concerning COPA, attended by DOJ employees, that included any person not employed by the DOJ.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is vague in its use of the phrase "concerning COPA," that it is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to interview many employees of multiple components of the Department of Justice and to seek their recollections of any potentially responsive communications and to catalog any or all such communications, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

K. Identify any meetings, phone calls, oral communications, and telephone or video conferences concerning AVS products.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is vague in its use of the phrase "concerning AVS products," that it is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to interview

many employees of multiple components of the Department of Justice and to seek their recollections of any potentially responsive communications and to catalog any or all such communications, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

L. Identify any meetings, phone calls, oral communications, and telephone or video conferences concerning ICF products.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is vague in its use of the phrase "concerning ICF products," that it is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to interview many employees of multiple components of the Department of Justice and to seek their recollections of any potentially responsive communications and to catalog any or all such communications, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

M. Identify any meetings, phone calls, oral communications, and telephone or video conferences concerning the Misleading Domain Name Statute.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is vague in its use of the phrase "concerning the Misleading Domain Name Statute," that it is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to interview many employees of multiple components of the Department of Justice and to seek their recollections of any potentially responsive communications and to catalog any or all such communications, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

N. Identify any meetings, phone calls, oral communications, and telephone or video conferences concerning the interpretation or enforcement of state, Local, or federal laws proscribing or regulating the production, distribution, or possession of material considered harmful or potentially harmful to minors but not obscene, attended by DOJ employees, that included any person not employed by the DOJ.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is vague in its use of the phrases "concerning the interpretation or enforcement" and the undefined phrase "harmful or potentially harmful to minors," that it is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to interview many employees of every United States Attorney's Office and of multiple components of the Department of Justice and to seek their recollections of any potentially responsive communications and to catalog any or all such communications, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

O. Identify any forms of speech available on the Internet that are not covered by COPA because they do not employ Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol or any successor protocol to transmit information.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is vague in its use of the phrases "forms of speech," "available on the Internet" and "covered by COPA," that it is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome and improper to the extent that it seeks to require Defendant to perform independent research to respond to this request, that it seeks information that is equally available to both parties, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. In particular, Defendant objects that

this Interrogatory seeks information beyond the scope of permissible discovery because it is premised upon an inaccurate interpretation of COPA.

P. Identify any speech on the Internet that is "harmful to minors" under the definition in COPA but not obscene.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to perform independent research to respond to this request, and that it seeks information that is equally available to both parties. Defendant also objects that this Interrogatory seeks a legal determination that is a matter for the determination of a court and not that of Defendant.

Q. State whether any speech on the Plaintiffs' web sites is "harmful to minors" under the definition in COPA and identify any such speech.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require Defendant to perform independent research to respond to this request, and that it seeks information that is equally available to both parties. Defendant also objects that this Interrogatory seeks a legal determination that is a matter for the determination of this Court and not that of Defendant. Further, to the extent that Defendant is under any obligation to respond to this Interrogatory, the Interrogatory is premature.

R. Identify each person who participated in the preparation of answers to these Interrogatories.

Defendant incorporates his General Objections by reference. Defendant further objects that this Interrogatory is overly broad, that it is unduly burdensome in that it seeks to require

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Defendant to identify every person who participated in any way in the preparation of the answers to these Interrogatories, and that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claim or defense of any party and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Subject to and without waiving any objections, Defendant responds as follows. The following individuals participated in the preparation of these answers: Sara Gotori, Attorney, Child

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Exploitation and Obscenity Section; Lisa Walsh, Assistant General Counsel, FBI; and John Caterini, Attorney, Justice Management Division.

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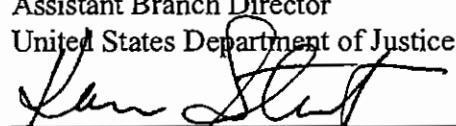
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